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The reply brief filed on 2-6-2004 is acknowledged. No response is deemed necessary and the application is being forwarded to the Board of Appeals.

The submitted NPL document is not considered since applicant's filing of the reference was not timely and applicant has failed to provide a showing of good sufficient reasons why the reference was not earlier presented. (37 CFR 1.195).

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